STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE NOT TO WORRY BECAUSE GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

Thousands of people came together to listen to Jesus’ teaching. Jesus said, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed. True life is not found in what you own.”

Then Jesus told the people a parable: “A rich man owned land that produced many crops. He didn’t have anywhere to store all of his crops, so he said to himself, ‘I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then, I’ll have so much stored up that I can stop working and relax.’ But God told the man, ‘You are a fool! You will die this very night, and then what good is everything you have stored up?’”

Then Jesus told His disciples, “Do not worry about your life or your body. Think about the birds: They do not plant or collect grain, yet God feeds them. Aren’t you worth more than birds?”

Jesus also said, “Think about the wildflowers. They don’t work or make clothing, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich king in his fancy clothes. If that is how God takes care of grass, how much more will He do for you?”

“Seek God’s kingdom,” He said, “and God will provide what you need.” Finally Jesus said, “Sell your possessions and give to the poor. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in heaven lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Christ Connection: Jesus is our greatest treasure. Jesus left His place in heaven to live humbly on earth. Jesus obeyed God to set up His kingdom. We can give generously and trust God to provide everything we need.
Bible Story Blanks
Fill in each blank with the correct word from the word box.

Jesus said, “True life is not found in what you __________.” Then Jesus told His disciples, “Do not worry about your __________ or your body—what you will eat or what you will wear. Think about the __________: They do not plant or collect grain, yet God __________ them. Aren’t you worth more than birds?”

Jesus also said, “Think about the __________. They don’t work or make __________, yet they are lovelier than a great and rich __________ in his fancy clothes. If that is how __________ takes care of grass—which grows today and is cut down tomorrow—how much more will He do for you?”

Jesus told His disciples not to worry about __________ or drink. “Seek God’s __________,” He said, “and God will __________ what you need.” God is __________ to give His children the kingdom.

Finally Jesus said, “Sell your __________ and give to the __________. A thief can take away treasure on earth, but treasure stored in __________ lasts forever. For where your treasure is, there your __________ will be also.”

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